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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)	Examiner: Dunston, Jennifer A
Hering, Thomas M.)	
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2006. Please amend the above-described application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.